

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

*** PLEASE NOTE THAT INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED ***
INFORMATION IS REQUESTED TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR
COMMISSION MEMBERS.

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Gender: Male

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1. Indicate your present occupation.

Partner at the law firm of Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis LLP

2. If you are an attorney, state the year you were licensed to practice law in Tennessee and provide your BPR Number.

1975 - Bar No. 006285

3. Please indicate the amount of time that you have been a citizen of the State of Tennessee.

All my life - 61 years

4. List the county or counties you have resided in over the past year.

Davidson and Benton Counties; I have dual residences

5. Are you a salaried office holder of the State of Tennessee or the United States?

☐ Yes ☒ No

6. If your response to question 5 was yes, are you a member of the National Guard, member of any armed forces reserve organization, district attorney general or employee of a district attorney general, district public defender, or employee of a district public defender?

☐ Yes ☒ No

7. Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted, or are you now on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance (other than traffic related offenses such as speeding, seatbelt violations, or parking tickets)? Give date, court, charge and disposition.

No

8. To your knowledge, are you now under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute or disciplinary rule? If so, give details.

N/A - No

9. Please state reasons why you would like to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission. (300 words or less)

See Attached page (Exhibit A).

10. The Lieutenant Governor (Speaker of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House both have appointments to the Judicial Nominating Commission. Please indicate to which office you would like your application to be sent for consideration.

- ☐ Lieutenant Governor
- ☐ Speaker of the House
- ☒ Both Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House

11. By checking each of the boxes below, I certify that this information is correct:

- ☒ I am not employed as a registered lobbyist.
- ☒ I am not an employer of a registered lobbyist.
- ☒ I do not hold office in any political party or political organization.

Dated this the 18th day of May, 20 11.



Signature of Applicant

Upon Completion, please forward this application to:

Administrative Office of the Courts
Judicial Nominating Commission
511 Union Street, Suite 600
Nashville, TN 37219

EXHIBIT A

Because of my experiences and duties, I have the qualifications to be a deliberate commission member. I am fair. I know the difference between fairness and inequity.

I served our state and country as Tennessee's Attorney General ("AG"); appellate judge, Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals; elected District Attorney General in Tennessee's 25th Judicial District; military Judge Advocate (Army and Air Force) for over three decades; city judge; and private attorney.

A graduate of the UT College of Law, I have been a licensed attorney for over 36 years. I have practiced law, argued for and represented clients at all levels of Tennessee and federal courts. As Attorney General, I had the honor of representing my state and successfully arguing before the United States Supreme Court. I understand the courts and the legal system.

Legal career:

October 2006 to present: Partner, Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP

January 1999 to October 2006: Attorney General

September 1990 to January 1999: Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

January 1982 to September 1990: District Attorney General

July 1979 to January 1982: Partner, Summers & Summers

Military:

July 2005: Colonel (Ret.), U. S. Army

September 1979 to July 2005: Judge Advocate, Tennessee Army NG

July 1975 to September 1979: Judge Advocate, USAF

Awards include Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medal

I have gone through the appointment process. I know how it works; more importantly, I understand what it takes to be a solid, ethical judge with common sense.

As AG, I represented governors, legislators, commissioners, and judges – Republicans, Democrats, or independents. My job as the state's top lawyer was to represent and advise our state officials, regardless of politics; and I ensured our representation was ethical, honest, and zealous.

Paul G. Summers